Howland Wood - Curatorial

Levis, Howard C.
[40 Edgerton Gardens
London, England]

1921-1925

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Lewis, H. B.

1921-1929

83, CANNON STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.

31st May 1921

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street, New York, USA

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. and I am sending you herewith the Texas $1 note signed by Samuel Houston, and I hope it is theone that you need to make your set complete. On the back of the paper on which this is pasted is another note, not of any value, but if you haven't it, you are welcome to keep it.

I hope Mr. Noe will look me up when he comes, I should like to see him.

Very truly yours,

H Oakes

P.S. I am sending you under separate cover, by registered post, a cast Roman coin of the Wheel series, with a running hound on the obverse side. On going over mine yesterday, I found I had duplicates, and thought you might like to have one of them.

HOL

Enc:

June 15/21

40, Egerton Gardens,
London S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose 12 Greek & Roman coins — not important, but each has an animal or bird on the Rx. I will be glad to donate them to the Museum collection.

Very truly yours
S. Oppenheimer

June 16th, 1921

H. C. Levis, Esq.
83 Cannon Street
London, E.C.4, Eng.

Dear Mr. Levis:

The Texas note and the Roman coin of the Wheel series came to hand the other day, and I wish to thank you very much for these.

The Texas note is a variety of ours, and the Roman coin we do not have at all, so both gifts are most acceptable.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,

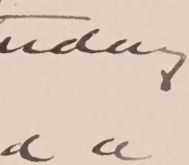
Curator

HW/E

June 17/21

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I forgot to say, in sending the 12 coins yesterday that the Britannia had a bad flan — like this 

I cut off the lump to see the metal, as it is not a rare coin. This accounts for the bright spot.

Yours Sincerely
H Cohen

July 7th, 1921.

Mr. H. C. Levis,
40 Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3, England.

Dear Mr. Levis:-

The twelve Greek and Roman coins arrived, and nearly all of them are most desirable accessions to our cabinet. There were only two of them that we had, and the specimen of one of those that you sent was a decided improvement over ours.

I beg to thank you for your kindness, and believe me

Yours most sincerely,

Curator.

Aug 9. 1921

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The other day I bought a lot of about 40 coins (Colonial) for the Imperial Roman portraits. There were two in the lot which are outside of my collection, so I send them (although they are not good specimens) on the off chance that you haven't them. The Antoninus Pontus is not so bad. They are very seldom found in good condition, & are

quite scarce.

Don't bother to write about them.

I am sailing November 5th so will see you about that time. I have the pleasure of showing my things to Mr. Nor.

Very truly

H. O. Avis.

July 11/21

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose a list of 13 books — useful only from a historical standpoint. If there are any you would like for your library I will be glad to donate them — sending them prepaid — if you will return me the list with on it the ones you wish.

Very sincerely
N. C. Levis

83, CANNON STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.

26th July 1921

H. Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, at 156th Street, New York City

Dear Mr. Wood,

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed photograph of a tray of my Roman large brass coins. The top row and the centre one are medallions, excepting the fourth in the top row, which is a Caracalla (Perinthus) of medallion size. The first one is a unique medallion of Nero, formerly belonging to Mr. Walters. With a glass you can pick out the others,

Don't bother to return this photograph; if you don't care to keep it, simply destroy.

Sincerely yours,

H Cohen

I have well over 100 of these large ones — all fine — though these are the best, either from standpoint of condition or rarity, or both.

July 27th, 1921

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

Your two letters at hand, and I beg to acknowledge receipt of the two coins, for which I thank you. One I did not have.

I am returning your list of books, and those checked we have not in our library, namely - 1, 2, 6, 7 and 14.

I am glad to know that you are coming over here in November and we shall be very happy to see you again.

Very truly yours,

Curator

M/E
Enc.

September 1st, 1921

Mr. H. C. Levis
40 Egarton Gardens
London, S.W.3 England

Dear Mr. Levis:

I beg to thank you for sending on the photographs of some of your finest Roman medals and coins. Mr. Newell was especially interested in these, and we both want to congratulate you on the fine specimens which you have acquired.

We are looking forward to seeing you when you come over in the late autumn.

Mr. Noe arrived in New York today and we are expecting him in any minute. We are eager to hear his news from the other side.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/d

March 4th, 1922

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

The addition to the "menagerie" came to hand, and they have been quartered in the coin room cabinet. I beg to thank you again for the interest you are showing by sending over these eleven coins, and I wish to state that they are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Roe is laid up with tonsilitis, and will write you personally in a few days.

Trusting to see you here before many months,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Dec 9, 1922

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am very much obliged to you for yours of yesterday enclosing a type-written copy of the paper I wanted. It will answer my purpose just as well as a printed copy & I am grateful.

Have you a copy of Mr. Senator Dent's pamphlet entitled "On

some coins in the castellani collection" — referred to in the Pompeiian book?

I am much better & hope to come to see you some day next week.

Very sincerely

A Chevis

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THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Dec 17/22

Dear Mr. Ward:

Almeric H. Paget was created a Peer a few years ago & is now Lord Queensborough. I don't remember his home address though you can find it in the English "Who's Who" or any recent Peerage.

I suggest your address

a letter to

The Lord Lurgmoborough
House of Lords
London S.W.

(& begin the letter
"My Lord:")
and ask him his home address, stating why you want it.

I knew him years ago in St. Paul's time: then

he came back to England, married Miss Whitney, entered Parliament, became a widower, was elevated to the Peerage & now has married again. I have only seen him once or twice in recent years so really don't know him but I happen to know his history as above

Very truly Yours

N O Lewis

The name "Lord Lovat-Broughton" [illegible]

be substituted for Almeric
St. Paget in your mind!

December 20th, 1922

H. C. Levis, Esq.
Plaza Hotel
New York City

Dear Mr. Levis:

Again, many thanks for your help. I will see that our records are corrected so that our communications in future are addressed to Lord Queensborough.

In a few days, I will forward to you our latest monograph by Michel P. Vlasto, entitled Taras Oikistes (A Contribution to Tarentine Numismatics).

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Dec 23/22

Dear Mr. Lovel:

One of the coins I left with you today — a Commodus without a ticket — I purchased here & is not in the same class as the others. I forgot to bring this to your attention.

Very Sincerely,
N. G. Levis

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

5th Feb 1922

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much for the cast which arrived safely this afternoon.

Very sincerely

A C Lewis

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

10 Feb 1923

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am sorry I have not been able to come again to the museum, but I have been housed since Thursday of last week & next week is my last one here with more things to do than I can my well manage.

Thank you very much for all your courtesies &

I hope I shall some time
the pleasure of seeing you
in England.

Believe me
Yours
N Chevis

February 13th, 1923

H. C. Levis, Esq.
The Plaza Hotel
New York City

Dear Mr. Levis:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 10th. I am very sorry that we shall not have the pleasure of seeing you again up here before you sail, but can quite understand how fully occupied you will be during the few days remaining to you in New York.

Please accept my very best wishes for a pleasant ocean trip, and I trust it may not be long before I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

Apr 2/23

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I sent you today some Danish coins & a wooden medallion (in separate envs) & enclose herewith two coins of Tabulanus & Aurelian of which I have duplicates. These are quite scarce.

Very truly
N. Oberne

Apr 6/93

Dear Mr. Nova

40, EGERTON GARDENS,
S.W.3.

under separate cover I am sending a number of sulphur casts of Roman Coins relating to Britain. These may be useful if you have not the originals or the originals turn up these may be destroyed.

Very truly,
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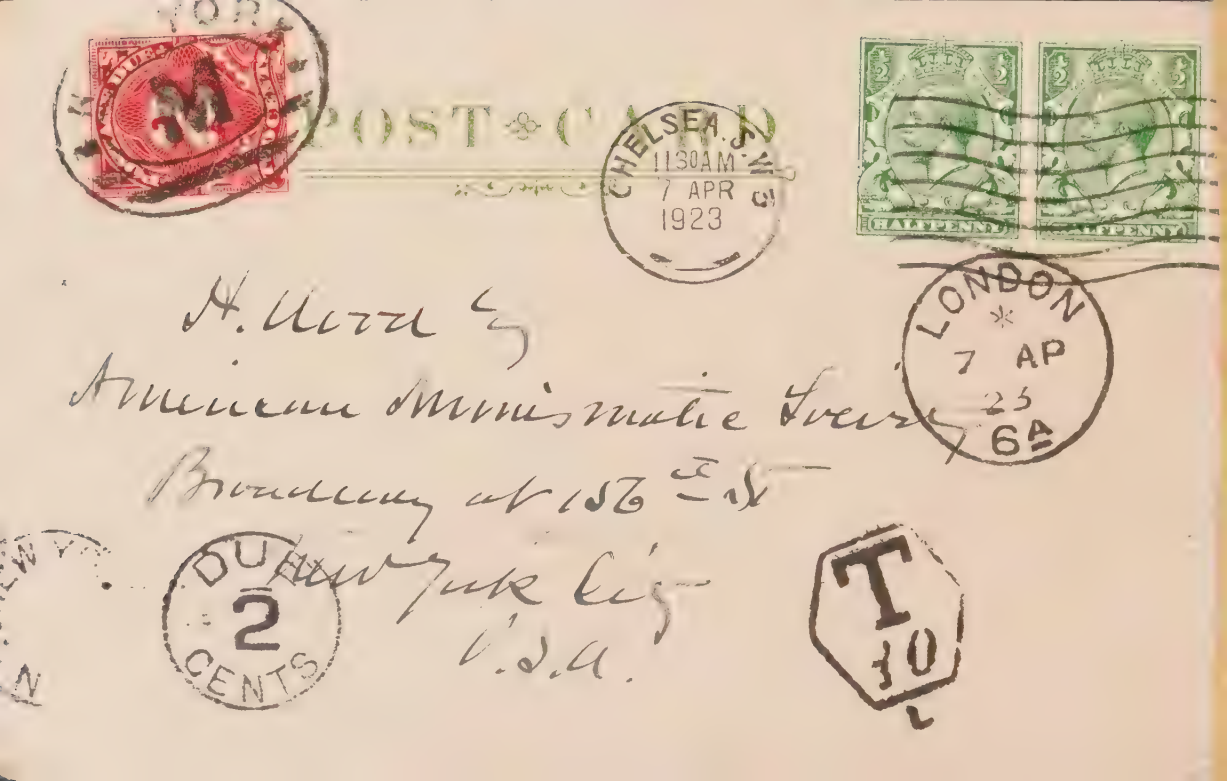
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April 17th, 1923

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
S.W.3, England

Dear Mr. Levis:

We have received your various packages of coins as well as the wooden medal, and I want to thank you very much for these gifts which you sent to me and through Mr. Newell. We greatly appreciate having these additions to our Cabinet.

It would do your heart good to see the Sculpture Exhibition which is now installed on our grounds and in the various buildings. The terrace and the lawns in front have been transformed into a garden, and great crowds are pouring in every day.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

April 20th, 1923

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
S.W.3, England

Dear Mr. Levis:

We have received the sulphur casts of Roman coins and are very glad to have these. Please accept out best thanks for sending them to us. It is most good of you to bear us so continually in mind.

Trusting you are well, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

April 30th, 1923.

Howard C. Levis, Esq.,
40 Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3, Eng.

Dear Mr. Levis:

The book with the copperplates of Roman Coins has just come to hand, and again I want to thank you for your thought of us. I always enjoy looking through these old illustrations, and I note your elephant in the new spring golf suit. I think you sent us not long ago a coin with an elephant on it treated like this one was.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

June 11/23

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood

There are two more animals and a curious coin of Bactria which you may like to add to the Society's collection.

Yours
N. Oheim

June 22nd, 1923

H. O. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

Your package arrived safely here yesterday, and I beg to thank you very sincerely for the coins which you so kindly sent. We certainly are glad to add them to our collection and very much appreciate your continued kind thought for us.

Again thanking you, and with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Sept 14/23

CROWN HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

Dear Mr. Brunell

Under separate cover I am sending cast of my gold Med. of Const. Chemo about which I wrote you.

This shows what a splendid specimen it is.

Please don't publish it.

Very Sincerely,
H Chevis

September 25th, 1923

H. C. Levis, Esq.
Crown House
Aldwych
London, W.C.2

Dear Mr. Levis:

We have received the cast of your gold medallion of Constantine Chlorus, and must congratulate you on the wonderful condition of the piece. Thank you very much for sending us the cast which we are very glad to have.

Mr. Newell sailed for Bagdad on Saturday last.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Sept 26/93

40, Egerton Gardens,
London S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Hood:

Here is the smallest coin I know of — please accept it for the cabinet of your society.

Very sincerely
A. O. Leiss

Note contributed

Sept 28/33

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Here are some rare tokens with portraits of British mints (& one Irish King) including 8 of Bath with portraits of Bladud who killed himself trying to fly. I would suggest you keep them (& any ~~such~~ similar ones you may have) together on a/c of the effigies.

Very sincerely

A C Harris

I note a book about Bladud which I will send you.

Sept 29th

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Hazl:

I enclose a little coin of Edward the Black Prince. I am disposing of my British Collection as I find my Roman coins are all I can manage. This was given to me so I can't sell it so have pleasure in presenting it to the Society.
Under separate cover I am sending some medals — if any are duplicates, trade them for something else.
The large one is the only one I know of (out side of the Darwin series), with the effigy of Richard I.

Very sincerely,
H O Lewis

CROWN HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

9th October 1923

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have yours of the 25th Sept. and note that Mr. Newell has sailed for Bagdad.

I am sending you under separate cover some more coins which may be of interest, and the note is inside the box.

Very truly yours,

A. Sheen

Oct 8/73

30 Egerton Gardens
S.W.

Dear Mr. Hovel:

These are some more "student" coins — I think all are rare.

I am sorry they are not in better condition, but they may help to fill some gaps, until you get better specimens

Very Truly
M C Lewis

15 Como

October 13th, 1923.

Mr. H. O. Levis,
40, Edgerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3, England.

Dear Mr. Levis:

Again many thanks for your recent contributions. The other day I received your letter with the coin of Edward the Black Prince. The package with the medals has not as yet reached here.

I beg to acknowledge the package containing the tokens with portraits of British Rulers, especially those of Bladud. I think it would be a good idea, as you suggest, to keep these together.

I also wish to acknowledge the package containing the casts of our British coins. I doubt if we will ever get many of these originals.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

October 23rd, 1923.

Mr. Howard C. Levis,
40, Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3, England.

Dear Mr. Levis:

I have just received the box containing the fifteen coins of Spain and Greece during the Roman period. We are very glad to get these, and the condition is not so very bad because it is almost impossible to get coins of this series in very much better shape. These Greek Imperial coins seem to have been in use until worn out, and the same with the Spanish series.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Dec 26/93

40, Egerton Gardens,
London S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Here is a little New Year's present for the Society. These were struck coins and not very rare, excepting that they are not often found in this condition.

Happy New Year to you all.

Very sincerely
H. Cohen

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.
London,

1st January 1924

H. Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, and 156th Street, New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am sending you under separate cover - addressed to the Society - two rare volumes relating to Gaulish coins, the first one "Catalogue des Monnaies Gauloises de la Bibliotheque Nationale" by Muret and Chabouillet, Paris 1889, and the second one is the Atlas, or Book of Plates published in 1892. Both of them are very rare, and I hope that copies are not already in the Society's Library.

Very truly yours,

H Chevis

January 12th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

I beg to thank you very much indeed for the Byzantine coins which arrived here yesterday in two packages. They have reached us just in time for the Annual Meeting which is to be held this afternoon.

Again thanking you for your support,

Sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

Feb 6/24

40, Egerton Gardens
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Ward

1. Here is a news-paper clipping

2. The medal

3. The letter sending the medal.

It is interesting

Very sincerely,

J. Chari.

Feb 7/24

140, Egerton Gardens.
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Since 1907 I have been a member of Ranelagh Club, its premises being the old home of the famous & historic Kit-Kat club, at Barn Elms. It is a club for Polo, Golf, Tennis &c.

Each year it issues a badge to its members & I send you herewith a complete set 1907 — to 1922 inclusive — I haven't any

prior to my membership.
It will make an interesting addition to your badge collection. The year ends Apr. 30th. After that date I will send that for 1923 & thereafter while I am a member.
In 1911 the King became the Patron, & that year & thereafter, the Royal Crown appears on the badge.

Very Sincerely
N O Lewis

Feb 8/24

140 Eaton Gardens
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Wood

Levis is a French name & while my early ancestors were English — still earlier they were French, so I have collected (all my life) all sorts of Levis items — portraits — manuscripts &c &c. including personal pictures & medals. Here is a duplicate (I got a finer one a short time ago) of Anne de Lévis — Ventadour. Duchesse de Bourgogne.

Very truly yours
A O Levis

These are the only two I have seen.

February 21st, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

I have just received the two packages containing the token of the old "Victory", and the badges of the well-known Ranelagh Club which were very interesting indeed to get as they make an interesting series.

Very many thanks for your thought of us which is greatly appreciated by all.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Curator

February 26th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

I am very glad to get the little jeton of Anne de Lèvis-Ventadour. It is the first piece, to my knowledge, that we have with the name of Levis. Many thanks for thinking of us.

We are just having our first real touch of winter!

Very truly yours,

Curator

40, Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3.

9th April 1924.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am sending you under separate cover a little package containing 70 silver coins of about the time of Gordion III, Trajan Decius and Philip I. They are from the Plevna find, and were selected for me by Mr. Mattingly of the British Museum. They are all different, and they are interesting, not only from the standpoint of the reverses, and their condition, but on account of the development of the portraiture.

I thought you might like to have these for the Society, so I have pleasure in presenting them to you.

Sincerely yours,

H. Oakes

April 24th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

I have your letter of April 9th, and have also received the package of coins, about which you wrote. Please accept our very sincere thanks for these. We are very glad indeed to add them to our Cabinet, and appreciate very much the fact that you so continually bear us in mind.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and trusting you are keeping well, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 29th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

Very many thanks for the casts which you kindly thought to send us. These have all safely come to hand and we are very glad to have them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

40, Egerton Gardens,
London, S.W.3.

30.4.24

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I send you herewith - to add to your collection of Ronelagh Badges - one for the year 1923.

Very truly yours,

H. Lewis

Thos. Arkwright

May 21st, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

Again we have to thank you for your kind thought for our Museum. We are very glad to add to our collection of Ranelagh badges, one for the year 1923.

With kind remembrances, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

July 28/24

40, Egerton Gardens,
S.W.3.

Dear Mr. Moore

The enclosed bronze badge was worn by delegates to the "First World Power Conference" held the month in London

The large numbered one was presented to the members of the American Bar Assn. by the Reception Committee of the British Bar, for the meeting held Sept 30

month in London. This is in its ~~orig~~ original envelope.

The small large one was issued by the American Bar Assn. to those of its members who attended the London meeting.

Very sincerely

A O Leiva

I also send a 2 Lira
piece of the Republic of
San Marino which I
believe is scarce

HCL

August 12th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

We have just received from you three badges and buttons, and San Marino coins, for which we beg to thank you very sincerely. Let me again say how very much we appreciate your continued interest and support.

Very truly yours,

Curator

CROWN HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

14th August 1924

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, USA.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I hand you herewith rather an interesting Becker forgery of ~~the~~ a coin of Tetricus, which I thought you might like to have.

Very truly yours,

H Cohen

CROWN HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

20th August 1924

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, USA

Dear Mr. Wood,

I hand you herewith another coin which I have come across, and which you might add to the little collection I sent you sometime ago of Roman coins with animals and birds on the reverses.

Very truly yours,

M E Lee

September 4th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, W.C.

Dear Mr. Levis:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the three Roman coins and the Becker forgery of Tetricus. Thank you very much indeed for sending these to us. I should have written sooner but I have only just returned from my vacation.

Trusting you are well, and with renewed thanks for your continual thought of our Society, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

September 17th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

I noticed in the accounts of the Wembley Exhibition that in one of the pavillions, the Royal Mint was striking a medal, and alongside a man was striking pennies in imitation of those of Alfred the Great. Do you think it would be possible for us to secure a copy of these for our Museum? We should greatly appreciate it if you could tell us of a way whereby we might be able to secure specimens, for they would prove of real interest on exhibition here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

CROWN HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

1st October 1924

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, USA.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Replying to your letter of September 17th, I have pleasure in handing you herewith with my compliments, Keepsake Medal No. 1 in silver, Keepsake Medal No. 2 in silver and the imitation of the penny of Alfred the Great, only struck in tin. I am glad you asked for these - I hadn't noticed them, as a matter of fact, and I have great pleasure in presenting them.

Very truly yours,

H Cohen

October 14th, 1924

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, N.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

Thank you very much indeed for sending us the two Keepsake medals, as well as the imitation penny of Alfred the Great. I am glad, as it turned out, that I called your attention to these.

Sincerely appreciating your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

May 13th, 1925

H. C. Levis, Esq.
40 Egerton Gardens
London, S.W.3

Dear Mr. Levis:

We are in receipt of the Ranelagh badge for the year 1924, which we are very glad to add to those which you have previously sent us.

Appreciating your thought for our Collection,

Very truly yours,

Curator